

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY
Title XIX Certification Application
DEFINITIONS**

Behavioral health paraprofessional means an individual who meets the applicable requirements in R9-20-204 and has:

- a. An associate's degree;
- b. A high school diploma; or
- c. A high school equivalency diploma.

Behavioral health technician means an individual who meets the applicable requirements in R9-20-204 and:

- a. Has a master's degree or bachelor's degree in a field related to behavioral health;
- b. Is a registered nurse;
- c. Is a physician assistant who is not working as a medical practitioner;
- d. Has a bachelor's degree and at least one year of full-time behavioral health work experience;
- e. Has an associate's degree and at least two years of full time behavioral health work experience;
- f. Has a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma; and
 - i. 18 credit hours of post-high school education in a field related to behavioral health completed no more than four years before the date the individual begins providing behavioral health services and two years full-time behavioral health work experience; or
 - ii. Four years of full-time behavioral work experience; and
- g. Is licensed as a practical nurse, according to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15, with a least two years of full-time behavioral health work experience.

Behavioral health professional means an individual who meets the applicable requirements in R9-20-204 and is a:

- a. Psychiatrist;
- b. Behavioral health medical practitioner;
- c. Psychologist;
- d. Social worker;
- e. Counselor;
- f. Marriage and family therapist;
- g. Substance abuse counselor; or
- h. Registered nurse with at least one year of full-time behavioral health work experience.

Psychiatrist has the same meaning as in A.R.S. § 36-501.

Behavioral Health Medical Practitioner means an individual licensed and authorized by law to use and prescribe medication and devices in A.R.S. § 32-1901, and who is one of the following with at least one year full-time behavioral health work experience:

- a. A physician;
- b. A physician assistant; or

- c. A nurse practitioner.

Social worker means an individual who is licensed as a baccalaureate social worker, master social worker, or independent social worker, according to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33, Article 5.

Counselor means an individual who is licensed as an associate counselor or a professional counselor according to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33, Article 6.

Marriage and family therapist means an individual who is licensed as a marriage and family therapist or associate marriage and family therapist according to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33, Article 7;

Substance abuse counselor means:

- a. An individual who is licensed as a substance abuse counselor according to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33, Article 8; or
- b. An individual who is certified by the Arizona Board of Certified Addiction Counselors.

Registered nurse means an individual licensed as a graduate nurse, professional nurse, or registered nurse according to A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 15.